

## LONG INCONSISTENT.

HIS STATEMENT AND HIS ACTS DO NOT AT ALL AGREE.

Says That He Has No Information—Yet Clears Spain of Any Responsibility in the Maine Case—Is Ordering War Material—Other News Notes.

New York, March 4.—The World has the following special from Washington: "The remarkable statement by Secretary Long that the 'element of Spanish official participation in the disaster of the Maine may now be regarded as practically eliminated,' may cause that official a great deal of embarrassment. He will probably be called upon by a committee of the house to answer a running fire of questions as to his reasons for the assertion.

"Representative Leonidas F. Livingston of Georgia, a member of the house committee on appropriations, said yesterday that he would make a request to have Secretary Long before the committee to explain wherein lies the consistency of his statement in view of the fact that the secretary has made contracts for over a million dollars' worth of projectiles without the consent of congress. Another thing that puzzles the Georgia representative is, it has been stated that no official information has been received as to how the Maine was blown up. This being the case, he is puzzled as to how the secretary could make the singular statement given out by him. Mr. Livingston thinks a man in the high official position of Secretary Long should keep quiet and be consistent, and now that the secretary was weak he was going to attack him and not wait until he could fortify himself and become strong.

"It appeared to Mr. Livingston that there was too much inclination to accommodate the bondholders.

"It was common talk in the hotel corridors last night that the criticism of Secretary Long is so strong that he will probably resign."

### British Flag Is Flying.

Seattle, Wash., March 4.—Five steamers arrived from Alaska yesterday. The Queen brought the latest news, having left Skaguay last Sunday. The most important news brought down was a confirmation of the previous reports that a Canadian official has placed the British flag on what is regarded as American soil and trouble at Skaguay with the longshoremen, who objected to Canadians unloading freight from steamers. The presence of United States troops alone prevented serious trouble.

It is feared serious trouble will grow out of the Canadian's attempt to collect duty on the summits of the White and Chilkoot passes and the Americans will resist the payment on what they consider American ground. Another complication will result from the various tramways which are being constructed to carry freight over the passes. The officials of these tramways are reported to have declared that any interruption of their construction work or any attempt to exercise any right of ownership will be resisted.

It is thought at Dyea and Skaguay that the movement of the American authorities will be to claim sovereignty over those two places. Last summer the boundary line was at Lake Bennett, then at Linderman and now at the summit of the mountains, which is only about twenty miles from salt water.

Two days before the Queen left Skaguay a general snow set in. The change in the weather caused hundreds of people who had been detained by the severe cold to start over the trails from both Skaguay and Dyea, and when the steamer left a general exodus from both towns was taking place. Both trails are reported in excellent condition.

### Expedition Abandoned.

Washington, March 4.—The senate committee on military affairs yesterday decided to recommend the passage of a joint resolution authorizing the abandonment of the government expedition for the relief of the miners in the Klondike region, which was authorized last December. The resolution provides for the sale of both the reindeer and the supplies purchased for the expedition. There was a suggestion that the reindeer brought here from Norway could be utilized by the interior department, but the committee took the view that the animals should be sold in preference to holding them for any department of the government.

### A Venezuelan Rebel.

New York, March 4.—A dispatch to the Herald from Caracas says: Senor Hernandez, the defeated candidate for the presidency, has issued a pronouncement in Narvalencia declaring that he has taken the field against the Andrade government. He is supported by a few partisans and is making every effort to secure more followers. President Andrade has taken steps to subdue Hernandez, who has no arms and little support among the people. Dispatches from the interior state that that country generally is pacified.

### Wright Cuney Dead.

San Antonio, Texas, March 4.—N. Wright Cuney, for years past one of the shrewdest leaders of the republican party in Texas, died in this city last night of consumption. The deceased has been suffering from lung affection for the last two years, the malady finally developing into consumption. Cuney came to San Antonio at the close of the last presidential election. His health, however, was shattered and neither climate nor rest could check the progress of the disease. For several weeks he has been bedridden and finally died, conscious and hopeful to the end.

Cuney was born near Hempstead, Texas, in 1840, his father being a white sugar planter. He was given a good education and on his return to Texas from school in the North he located at Galveston, where he readily became a factor in local politics. He served twice as alderman in the city council, and in August, 1879, was appointed by President Arthur as collector of customs at Galveston, which position he held until he was retired by the Cleveland administration. He has represented the state in every national republican convention since 1782 and for twelve years was a member of the national executive committee. Cuney was an unyielding fighter in life as well as in politics. It was one of the elements in his sickness—he never sulked in his tent. This characteristic of Cuney was never more strikingly shown than during his rapid and certain wasting away in his last spell of illness. When he could not raise a glass of water to his mouth, he dictated in a letter to one of the national leaders of the party that the climate was doing him much good, and that he was making a rapid recovery of his health.

Cuney's remains will be shipped to Galveston for interment this morning.

Washington, March 4.—When news of N. W. Cuney's death reached here last night a correspondent called on Congressman Hawley for an expression from him on this event, fraught with so much interest to Texas republicans, and he paid the deceased politician and leader of his race the following tribute:

"The state of Texas has lost a loyal and devoted citizen, the republican party an untiring and courageous leader. In the death of N. W. Cuney, I never knew a man in whose breast there lived a more earnest and unflinching love of country. In political contention he was a partisan—bitter sometimes, uncompromising always—but with it all he stood for justice. His friends were legion. Their cause was his and wherever he was enlisted all men knew he would steadfastly remain. He never wavered. He never lowered his flag, and this was the glory of the life that passed away last night at San Antonio."

### Masonic Temple at Beaumont.

Beaumont, Texas, March 4.—For more than three years the local lodge of Free Masons have been devising the ways and means for building a temple that will be an ornament to the city as well as a credit to the order. They have at last succeeded. The Masons own a lot 30x69 feet on the corner of Pearl and Honham streets, and yesterday afternoon they entered into a contract with Mr. W. W. Kyle, a young capitalist and large property holder, whereby Mr. Kyle agrees to build a three story brick on the Masonic lot, he to control the first and second floors, the third floor to be owned and controlled by the Masons. A wooden building, used as a warehouse by the E. L. Wilson Hardware company, now occupies the lot, and as soon as it can be torn away construction of the Masonic temple will begin.

### Victoria After Railroad Shops.

Victoria, Texas, March 4.—The Guadalupe Valley railway has been paying up the balances on various tracts of acreage property near Victoria, on which they bought options several months ago. A mass meeting was held at the court house last night to hear the final reports of the committee on securing funds with which to purchase right of way, depot grounds and site for machine shops; although matters with reference to this have been rather quiet for some time it is generally believed that a sufficient amount has been raised to satisfy the railroad company and that the shops will be located here.

About ten miles have been graded, seven from the southern terminus and three south from a point about a mile and a half below here.

### Demas Turned Down.

Washington, March 4.—The senate committee on commerce yesterday decided by a unanimous vote to report adversely the nomination of Henry Demas to be naval officer at New Orleans. There were many objections against Demas, reflecting on his character, but the one that seemed to influence the committee most was a charge that while a state senator he had been in the employ of the Louisiana lottery, in which he was alleged to have received \$250 per month.

## FARM AND STOCK ITEMS.

J. B. and Jim Dale, of Bonham, Fannin county, recently shipped 480 beef steers to the St. Louis market.

W. F. Burton, of Denton, Denton county, recently shipped three cars of fat meal and hull fed steers and a car of hogs to the Kansas City market.

It is learned that, commencing with the month of March, over 300,000 head of stock will be moved from southern and southeast Texas for points in the Indian Territory and Oklahoma, below the quarantine line.

Sorghum seed is in very large demand this year, and a large acreage of this product will be planted, mostly, it is thought, for the feed of the stock that has come into the western country during the past three weeks.

The generous rains of the 10th and 11th of this month removed the fears of a general drouth of the farmer and cattlemen alike, for the situation was beginning to assume a serious aspect for both, but it is quite clear from the reports of those who have recently

The Eagle Pass district, on the Southern Pacific, is credited with a sheep deal of unusual magnitude for that section. A herd, consisting of 15,000 head and an unexpired lease, was sold for \$55,000, the sheep being counted in a \$2.30 a head, a sharp advance on stock sheep in that locality.

Scharbauer & Waddell, of Midland, recently sold 2800 head of well bred stock cattle to Davidson & Siders at \$25 a head. This was the herd that John Scharbauer bought of Wilkins Bros., of Crockett county, some months since, at a price considerably lower than that which they realized for the herd.

The following amounts have been assessed by the commissioners' court of Midland as the valuation of cattle and live stock generally: Native cows \$12, 2-year-olds \$16, 3s \$20, stock horses \$8, saddle horses \$18 and sheep \$1.50. Average lands \$1 per acre, wire fences \$25 a mile and wind mills at \$40 each. About the same figures were fixed by the adjoining counties.

visited the cattle ranges that it will not be long before another rain would be very welcome. The mild winter has been specially favorable to young stock as well as to the great number of southern cattle that have gone into northern Texas during the past six months, and now should the pleasant weather be accompanied by copious rain within a reasonable time all fears of the farmer regarding his crop and the stock breeder as to his water supply will be dissipated.

Between 150 and 200 cars of cattle will go from Texas to the Cherokee nation, beginning about April 28. Of these 110 cars will go from Hebronville and 50 from the Brownwood country. The quarantine law is strictly enforced in the territory by the different nations and the Cherokee quarantine closes on the date named above. This accounts for the extra movement of cattle just prior to that time. The quarantine law has been pretty lax heretofore, but it will be different this season, with government endorsement.

Recent sales of Texas cattle in Kansas show that stock from that state is meeting with a better reception at the big markets than it did a year ago. A sale was made at the yards in Kansas City recently of a small bunch of Texas steers averaging 1416 pounds at \$4.50, which was the very top price obtained for that class of stock on that day. The cattle came from West Texas. It is becoming apparent to northern buyers that Texas cattle are being rapidly bred up, and the grade shipments already made this year have shown such a wonderful improvement over the old-timers that their bringing top prices is scarcely to be wondered at.

No people in any age of the world have been so successful as breeders and improvers of poultry as the Americans. They have done more in the last twenty-five years than all the other nations, from Noah's flood to the beginning of the last herd of the nineteenth century. The Chinese have been breeding the Asiatic fowl for perhaps 10,000 years, and Americans took them up and improved them more in a few years than the Chinese had done in many ages. We took the French and Italian breeds that had been worked on for a century and a half by the best in Europe, and in a few years had better breeds from them than the French or Italians ever saw. We have taken common scrubs and improved them until in a few years they were equal to the pure bred fowls of other nations. And we are just getting the hang of the thing. Look out for greater revolutions in future. A 300-egg-a-year breed is what we are after. Let mossbacks stand aside and see us get there.—Texas Farm and Ranch.

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### HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

Clean brooms by dipping in and out of ammonia water.

After washing lamp chimneys, rub them with dry salt, which will give a brilliant polish to the glass.

If oyster shells are occasionally placed in kitchen stoves it will be found clinkers never appear.

To cool a hot dish quickly, set it in cold water and salt; this will cool it far more rapidly than if it were stood in cold water only.

If an oil or gas stove is used, a box of sand should be kept handy in case of accident, as it is the best thing with which to put out fire.

To prevent the wick of a candle from smoldering, hold it higher than the mouth when blowing it out, and blow upward. If lamp wicks are soaked thoroughly in vinegar before being used, they will not smoke.

Grease stains on a carpet may be removed in a variety of ways; one of the simplest is to take a piece of blotting paper, lay it under the grease mark and a similar piece on the top of the mark. Then press the part with a hot iron; this will cause the grease to be absorbed by the blotting paper. Another method is to add some borax to warm water in which soap has been dissolved and well brush the stained part with this mixture. Ammonia is also useful; it should be diluted with water and rubbed on the carpet.

### SILVER THREADS.

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You can't bury character in the grave.

The voice of the cross proclaims man as lost.

Sin is a deicide—it murdered the Son of God.

Flattery serves as gas in the balloon of pride.

A christian only in name is the devil's game.

As Christ increases in our love, self decreases.

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